

FLORIDA

There were 35 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2004. Total water surface area was 710 acres, an increase of 50 acres from 2003. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (630 acres) and fingerlings (33 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2003 were \$1,208,000. The majority of the sales were to processors.

UNITED STATES

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 425 million dollars during 2003, up 3 percent from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish increased 4 percent from 2002 to 397 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 21.2 million dollars, an increase of 22 percent from 2002. Sales of stockers totaled 6.21 million dollars in 2003, a 51 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 94 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 85 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2004, totaled 178 thousand acres, down 5 percent from the 187 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 4.15 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2004. An additional 535 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2004. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2003, the area taken out of production totaled 4.61 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2004, foodfish were produced on 148 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 23.1 thousand, and 3.70 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.10 million broodfish on hand January 1, 2004, down 16 percent from January 1, 2003. Large foodsize fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.4 million on January 1, 2004, down 7 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) decreased 18 percent to 105 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 5 percent to 241 million. Large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2004, at 286 million fish, were down 11 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 25 percent to 568 million. There were 727 million fingerlings on hand January 1, 2004, down 27 percent from January 1, 2003.

CATFISH: Water Surface Acres Utilization of Acres Jan 1, 2003 & 2004, and Acres Taken Out of Production Jul 1-Dec 31, 2003, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2004			Taken out of production in 2003
			Reno-vated	New con-struction	Used for brood-fish	
	Jan 1 2003	Jan 1 2004				
AL	25,500	25,400	340	65	420	590
AR	34,000	34,000	600	*	550	1,300
FL	660	710	*	*	40	*
LA	9,900	8,800	450	*	120	460
MS	109,000	101,000	2,200	200	2,200	2,100
MO	1,100	1,370	110	*	35	*
Oth ^{1/}	6,740	6,510	445	270	330	155
Total	187,200	177,790	4,145	535	3,695	4,605

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.
* Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number of operations and annual sales

State	Number of operations		Annual sales	
	January 1 2003	January 1 2004	2002	2003
Thousand dollars				
AL	231	200	76,045	85,159
AR	155	161	56,380	59,047
FL	34	35	756	1,208
LA	57	48	15,812	14,505
MS	405	410	243,226	243,176
MO	31	21	1,070	1,954
Oth ^{1/}	248	242	18,124	19,876
Total	1,161	1,117	411,413	424,925

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.
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CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of broodfish, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousands				
AL	380	80	1,280	440
AR	120	125	590	600
FL	3	15	21	80
LA	26	22	160	138
MS	700	750	3,300	3,600
MO	15	*	60	*
Oth ^{1/}	59	106	307	509
Total	1,303	1,098	5,718	5,367

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.
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CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousands				
AL	82,300	71,640	110,740	96,450
AR	74,830	73,440	105,750	97,600
LA	19,800	14,780	29,700	24,950
MS	204,250	181,800	265,400	251,000
MO	*	*	*	*
Oth ^{1/}	12,843	15,179	20,911	23,968
Total	394,023	356,839	532,501	493,968

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of total stockers, January 1 ^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousands				
AL	142,100	258,100	22,500	38,100
AR	120,200	132,600	24,850	32,550
LA	32,410	21,340	4,900	4,510
MS	464,000	428,000	109,300	89,600
MO	*	*	*	*
Oth ^{2/}	16,516	13,507	3,219	3,178
Total	775,226	853,547	164,769	167,938

^{1/} Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish.
^{2/} Includes CA, FL, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of fingerling, January 1 ^{1/}				
State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	50,800	52,800	1,720	1,890
AR	131,000	121,000	3,880	3,100
FL	3,300	1,120	26	12
LA	30,800	18,900	1,120	557
MS	753,000	508,000	26,200	17,800
MO	4,040	4,460	90	75
Oth ^{2/}	17,223	20,791	639	607
Total	990,163	727,071	33,675	24,041

^{1/} Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish.
^{2/} Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.
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CATFISH: Foodsize percent sold by outlet type, 2003					
State	Live-haul	Fee/Rec fishing	Process	Retail rest. & Fd. Stor	Other outlets
AL	2	1	92	2	3
AR	4		92	3	1
CA	12	8		74	6
FL			96		4
GA	*	28	52	*	4
IL	*	*	25	*	46
KY	3	41	46		10
LA		*	97	*	*
MS			99		1
MO	51	9	*	*	34
NC			99		1
TX	*	14	47		21
Oth Sts	41	22	2	33	2
Wt.avg. ^{1/}	1.5	0.8	93.6	2.3	1.8

^{1/} Includes KS, OK, SC, and TN. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, total sales and value per pound of all stockers								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
AR	12,000	12,200	1,500	2,000	1,200	1,500	0.80	0.75
LA	*	3,720	*	450	*	311	*	0.69
MS	78,600	40,000	9,680	3,550	9,196	3,337	0.95	0.94
MO	*	1,620	*	240	*	278	*	1.16
Oth ^{1/}	6,494	12,181	1,918	1,214	2,197	779	1.15	0.64
Total	97,094	69,721	13,098	7,454	12,593	6,205	0.96	0.83

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, TN, SC, and TX.

CATFISH:: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all foodsize								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
AL	75,000	80,000	142,000	158,000	73,840	82,160	0.52	0.52
AR	59,400	59,400	97,000	99,700	53,350	55,832	0.55	0.56
FL	900	1,000	1,300	1,700	637	1,173	0.49	0.69
LA	18,200	19,700	26,600	26,100	15,428	14,094	0.58	0.54
MS	244,000	210,000	392,000	393,000	219,520	224,010	0.56	0.57
MO	350	905	765	1,700	635	1,462	0.83	0.86
Oth ^{1/}	9,145	10,657	16,148	19,110	16,636	18,341		
Total	406,995	381,662	675,813	699,310	380,046	397,072	0.56	0.57

^{1/} Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH:: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of fingerlings and fry								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
AL	18,200	83,700	370	3,400	670	2,482	1.81	0.73
AR	64,000	60,400	900	1,050	1,440	1,680	1.60	1.60
FL	1,750	500	73	24	110	35	1.50	1.45
LA	*	4,380	*	83	*	100	*	1.20
MS	417,600	552,000	10,350	12,300	13,559	15,621	1.31	1.27
Oth ^{1/}	16,482	13,910	535	446	1,560	1,307	2.98	3.07
Total	518,032	714,890	12,228	17,303	17,339	21,225	1.42	1.23

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